



The Urban District
of

HALTEMPRICE — HU

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Annual Report

of

THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

and

THE SANITARY INSPECTOR

For the Year ended 31st December,

1943



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THE URBAN DISTRICT OF HALTEMPRICE.

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Medical Officer of Health :

J. M. HERMON, M.D., C.M.

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(Southern District).

Clerk of the Council :

C. H. ARBON.

MEDICAL OFFICER'S ANNUAL REPORT

FOR THE YEAR 1943.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT,
TOWN HALL,
HESSLE.

JUNE, 1944.

To the Chairman and Members of the Urban
District Council of Haltemprice.

Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present to you a Report for the year 1943, upon the Health and Sanitary conditions of Haltemprice, in accordance with the instructions and requirements of the Ministry of Health Circular.

This Circular suggests that Reports should be materially shortened and directed principally towards the careful preservation of all records and statistics, and should not include any reference to activities in connection with war-time industrial, military or other important developments.

1.—STATISTICS AND CONDITIONS OF THE AREA.

(a)	Area in acres	....	....	....	....	9,026
(b)	Registrar General's estimation of resident population in middle of 1943	....	....	....	....	31,030
(c)	Number of inhabited houses (end of 1943) according to the Rate Book (estimated).					9,988
(d)	Rateable value (end of 1943)....	..	....	....	....	£191,064
(e)	Sum represented by a penny rate (estimated)					£780

2.—EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR.

LIVE BIRTHS numbered 532, being :—

		Males.	Females.
Legitimate	....	278	241
Illegitimate	....	8	5

This gives an Annual Birth Rate of 17 compared with 16 for 1942, and 16.5 for the whole of England and Wales for 1943.

STILL BIRTHS numbered 17 — 8 being males and 11 females—1 illegitimate—giving a Still Birth Rate of 0.54.

Both the above rates are expressed in terms per 1,000 civilian population.

DEATHS numbered 347 (previous year 327)—184 being males and 163 females—giving an Annual Death Rate of 11.2 for the year, compared with 10.2 for the year 1942 and 12.1 for the whole of England and Wales for 1943.

Deaths from Puerperal Sepsis	....	....	0
Deaths from other Puerperal causes	....	....	0
Deaths of Infants under 1 year	....	....	18
being 10 males and 8 females (1 illegitimate)			
giving an <i>Infant Mortality Rate</i> of 34,			
compared with 39 for the year 1942 and			
49 for England and Wales for 1943.			
Death Rate of legitimate infants per 1,000			
legitimate births	....	....	33
Death Rate of illegitimate infants per 1,000			
illegitimate births	....	....	76
Deaths from Cancer	....	....	62
being 33 males and 29 females.			
Deaths from Measles	....	....	0
Deaths from Whooping Cough	....	....	0
Deaths from Diarrhoea (under 2 years)	....	....	2

3.—NOTIFIABLE DISEASES during the year 1943.

Disease.	Total Notified.	Cases admitted to Hospital.	Total Deaths.
Scarlet Fever	122	99	0
Diphtheria	14	13	1
Enteric Fever (Para Typhoid)	1	1	0
Pneumonia	6	0	9
Puerperal Pyrexia	18	16	0
Whooping Cough	25	0	0
Measles	232	0	0
Erysipelas	0	0	0

4.—TUBERCULOSIS.

Age Periods	New Cases.				Deaths.			
	Respiratory		Non-Respiratory		Respiratory		Non-Respiratory	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Years								
0 ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1 ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
5 ...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...
15 ...	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	1
25 ...	5	2	4	1	1	1	...	...
35 ...	4	1	...	3	...	1	...	...
45 ...	4	...	1	1	2	...	...	1
55 ...	3	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
65 and upwards	3	...	1	1	5	...	...	...
Totals ..	*19	4	6	9	8	2	1	2

* Six of these new cases were ex army.

COMPARATIVE FIGURES FOR THE LAST FOUR YEARS.

	New Cases.	Deaths.
1940	29	19
1941	36	17
1942	39	27
1943	38	13

5.—CAUSES OF DEATH, 1943.

CAUSES OF DEATH.	MALES.	FEMALES.
1 Typhoid and paratyphoid fevers ....	....	....
2 Cerebro-spinal fever ....	....	....
3 Scarlet fever ....	....	....
4 Whooping cough ....	....	....
5 Diphtheria	1	....
6 Tuberculosis of respiratory system....	8	2
7 Other forms of tuberculosis....	1	2
8 Syphilitic diseases	2	....
9 Influenza	6	5
10 Measles ....	....	....
11 Ac. polio-myel. and polio-enceph....	....	....
12 Ac. inf. enceph. ....	....	....
13 Cancer of b. cav. and œsoph. (M) uterus (F) ...	2	2
14 Cancer of stomach and duodenum ...	8	4
15 Cancer of breast ....	....	5
16 Cancer of all other sites	23	18
17 Diabetes	1	7
18 Intra-cran. vasc. lesions	16	19
19 Heart disease....	50	35
20 Other diseases of circ. sys.	4	6
21 Bronchitis	11	8
22 Pneumonia	3	6
23 Other respiratory diseases	1	2
24 Ulcer of stomach or duodenum	3	....
25 Diarrhœa (under 2 years)	1	1
26 Appendicitis	1	....
27 Other digestive diseases	7	8
28 Nephritis	4	7
29 Puer. and post-abortion. sepsis ....	....	....
30 Other maternal causes ....	....	....
31 Prem. birth	3	1
32 Con. mal. birth inj. infant. dis.	3	4
33 Suicide	2	....
34 Road traffic acc.	2	1
35 Other violent causes....	6	5
36 All other causes	15	15
All Causes	184	163

6.—GENERAL REMARKS.

The standard of health of the public throughout the year has been good.

One favourable feature is the much reduced Tuberculosis death rate, as will be seen from figures quoted in the

tabulated statement. Although new cases number 38 as against 39 for 1942, the deaths for 1943 are 13 as against 27 in 1942.

Every effort is being continued to keep up the numbers for Diphtheria Immunisation, most of those coming forward being children under two years, with an increasing number of about one year.

The child population derive great benefit from the allowances of milk, cod liver oil and fruit juices supplied by the Government and distributed through local clinics.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

J. M. HERMON, M.D.

Medical Officer of Health.

SANITARY INSPECTOR'S ANNUAL REPORT

FOR THE YEAR 1943.

To the Chairman and Members of the Urban
District Council of Haltemprice.

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present to you my Annual Report shewing the work carried out by the Sanitary Department during the year ending December 31st, 1943.

COMPLAINTS.

During the year 285 complaints were received with respect to the following matters :—

Defective and choked condition of house drains	....	70
„ or absence of ashes receptacles	....	8
„ privy pails or middens	....	6
„ roofs	....	9
Accumulations of refuse or manure	....	1
Defective and insanitary condition of yards, paths, etc.		6
„ W.C. basins and flushing cisterns	....	26
„ ovens, flues, fireplaces, etc.	....	10
„ house floors	....	4
Dampness in walls	....	5
Defective windows and other woodwork	....	6
„ eaves, gutters and fall pipes	....	15
„ sink and bath waste pipes	....	4
„ wall and ceiling plaster	....	5
Offensive smells	....	7
Animals kept in such a state as to be a nuisance	....	5
Defective pumps	...	5
Foul cesspools	...	—
„ ditches	...	1
Miscellaneous	...	82
		285

INSPECTION OF DISTRICT.

Number of houses and premises inspected	...	...	306
" " houses and premises re-inspected	...	...	343
" " miscellaneous visits	...	...	285
" " visits to works in progress	...	....	886
" " visits to slaughter-houses and shops <i>re</i> Food Inspection....	....	....	465
" " " " dairies, cowsheds and milkshops			62
" " " " bakehouses	...	...	7
" " " " schools	...	...	19
" " " " workshops and factories	...		8
" " " <i>re</i> cases of infectious disease	...		76
" " " " disinfect after cases of infectious disease and others...	...		159
" " " " shops, etc.	....	....	9
" " " " Housing Act, 1936	...	...	25
" " " to verminous premises	...	...	—
			2,650

NOTICES SERVED.

Informal Notices	...	...	...	...	272
Statutory Notices under Section 9 of the Housing Act, 1936	...	...	...	...	3
Statutory Notice under Section 11 of the Housing Act, 1936	...	...	...	...	NIL.
Statutory Notice under Section 93 of the Public Health Act, 1936	...	...	...	...	2
					277

SANITARY IMPROVEMENTS CARRIED OUT.

DRAINS.

Repaired, Cleansed, etc....	....	....	....	....	130
New provided	....	....	....	....	—
Relaid	....	....	....	....	2
New gullies fixed....	....	....	....	....	2
New vent shafts fixed	....	....	....	....	1
New Inspection Chamber	....	....	....	....	1

WATER CLOSETS.

New pans fixed....	....	....	....	....	....	10
New W.C.'s installed	....	....	....	....	....	—
Cisterns repaired	....	....	....	....	....	15
New cisterns fixed	....	....	....	....	....	3
Floors, roofs and walls repaired or renewed	....	....	....	....	....	7
Privies converted to W.C.'s	....	....	....	....	....	3
Soil pipes repaired	....	....	....	....	....	—
New soil pipes fixed	....	....	....	....	....	—

SINKS AND BATHS.

New provided	....	....	....	....	....	3
New waste pipes provided	....	....	....	....	....	3
Waste pipes repaired	....	....	....	....	....	9

R.W. PIPES.

Repaired	....	....	....	....	....	9
Renewed	....	....	....	....	....	1

WATER SUPPLY.

Cisterns repaired....	....	....	....	....	....	7
Pumps repaired	....	....	....	....	....	1
Water supplies laid on	....	....	....	....	....	8
Service pipes repaired	....	....	....	....	....	11
Pumps abolished	....	....	....	....	....	1

YARD, PAVING, ETC.

Yards paved	....	....	....	....	....	2
Paving repaired	....	....	....	....	....	1
Yards cleansed	....	....	....	....	....	0

DUST RECEPTACLES.

Provided	....	....	....	....	....	20
New privy pails provided	....	....	....	....	....	4

DAMPNESS.

Roofs repaired	....	....	....	....	....	20
Eaves gutters provided	....	....	....	....	....	6
Eaves gutters repaired	....	....	....	....	....	25
Walls rendered or pointed	....	....	....	....	....	5
Ventilation provided under floors	....	....	....	....	....	—

GENERAL REPAIRS, ETC.

Walls repaired	....	....	....	....	....	22
Windows repaired	....	....	....	....	....	35
House floors repaired or renewed	....	....	....	....	....	21
Ranges repaired	....	....	....	....	....	25
Ceilings repaired	....	....	....	....	....	19
Animals removed	....	....	....	....	....	1
Accumulations removed	....	....	....	....	....	2
Rooms ventilated	....	....	....	....	....	2
Wall Plaster repaired	....	....	....	....	....	10
Additional Windows provided	....	....	....	....	....	1
Doors repaired or renewed	....	....	....	....	....	19
Obstructive buildings removed	....	....	....	....	....	—
Premises closed	....	....	....	....	....	—
Rooms cleansed	....	....	....	....	....	1
Cellars filled in	....	....	....	....	....	—
Miscellaneous	....	....	....	....	....	3

SHOPS ACT—1934.

Numerous inspections have been made under the above heading, and in one or two instances the Sanitary accommodation provided was found to be unsatisfactory.

The necessary works required to comply with the Act have now been carried out.

The majority of the Shops in the district are, however, of the small “general” type having dwellings occupied by the proprietors attached.

1. INSPECTION OF DWELLING HOUSES DURING THE YEAR.

	No. Inspected.	No. of Inspections.
(1) Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts) and the number of inspections made	59	157
(2) Number of dwelling houses (included under sub-head (1) above which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925, and the number of inspections made	11	15

(3)	Number of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	....	....	....	—
(4)	Number of dwelling houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation	....	....	....	59
2.	REMEDY OF DEFECTS DURING THE YEAR WITHOUT SERVICE OF FORMAL NOTICES.				
	Number of dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers	...	....		56
3.	ACTION UNDER STATUTORY POWERS.				
	A.—Proceedings under Sections 9, 10, and 16 of the Housing Act, 1936 :—				
(1)	Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Notices were served requiring repairs	....			—
(2)	Number of dwelling houses which were rendered fit after service of Formal Notices :				
	(a) By owners	....	....	....	—
		carried forward from 1936			36
	(b) By Local Authority in default of owners				3
	B.—Proceedings under Public Health Acts :—				
(1)	Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Notices were served requiring defects to be remedied....	....	....	....	2
(2)	Number of dwelling houses in which defects were remedied after service of Formal Notices :				
	(a) By owners	....	....	....	2
	(b) By Local Authority in default of owners				—
	C.—Proceedings under Sections 11 and 13 of the Housing Act, 1936 :—				
(1)	Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made	....			—
(2)	Number of dwelling houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders	....	....		—

D.—Proceedings under Section 12 of the Housing Act, 1936 :—

(1)	Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made	....	....	....	....	—
(2)	Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the tenement or room having been rendered fit	....	....	....	....	—

4. HOUSING ACT, 1936.—OVERCROWDING.

A.	(i)	Number of dwellings overcrowded at the end of the year	....	....	....	9
	(ii)	Number of families dwelling therein	...			9
	(iii)	Number of persons dwelling therein	....			76
B.	(i)	Number of cases of overcrowding reported during the year	....	....	....	6
C.	(i)	Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year	....	....	....	1
	(ii)	Number of persons concerned in such cases	....	....	....	9
D.		Particulars of any cases in which dwelling-houses have again become overcrowded after the Local Authority have taken steps for the abatement of overcrowding	....			—
E.		Any other particulars with respect to overcrowding conditions upon which the Medical Officer of Health may consider it desirable to report	....	....	....	—

DAIRIES, COWSHEDS, AND MILKSHOPS.

At the end of the year the Register kept in accordance with the Milk and Dairies Order, 1926, shewed the following :

Retail Purveyors of Milk	....	....	....	20
Number of Cowkeepers	....	....	....	59
Number of premises registered under the Milk and Dairies Order, 1926	....	....	....	71

FOOD INSPECTION.

The table below shews the number of carcasses, including organs, of animals inspected :—

Bovines	....	....	....	1,028
Sheep	....	....	....	4,982
Pigs	...	....	....	76
				6,086

The table below shews the quantity of meat and other foods found on inspection to be diseased, unsound or unfit for human food and which was subsequently surrendered by the owner for destruction :—

CARCASSES INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED

	Cattle including Calves.	Sheep and Lambs.	Pigs.
Number inspected	1,028	4,982	76
All diseases except Tuberculosis :			
Whole carcasses condemned	2	6	0
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	76	59	18
Percentage of the number in- spected affected with disease other than Tuberculosis	7.58%	1.26%	23.60%
Tuberculosis only :			
Whole carcasses condemned	4	1	0
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	47	—	—
Percentage of the number in- spected affected with Tuber- culosis	4.96%	.002	0

Total weight of condemned Fresh Meat was 5,485 lbs.

Other foodstuffs inspected and condemned during the year are as follows :—

717½	lbs. tinned meats.
85	lbs. cheese.
1,199	tins of milk.
95	lbs. preserved fruits.
32¼	lbs. sweets.
48	tins fish.
1,200	lbs. sausages and sausage meat.
58	lbs. butter.
189	lbs. blancmange powder.
6	doz. eggs.
79	tins miscellaneous canned fruit.
24	tons grain.

SLAUGHTER HOUSES.

All the slaughtering, excepting in cases of emergency, is carried out in the Government Controlled Slaughterhouse. Routine meat inspection is made, and with regard to emergency slaughtering, this department is notified by the slaughterhouse manager or slaughterman immediately following. Periodical limewashing of slaughterhouses and lairs is carried out. The total number of licensed slaughterhouses on the register is five.

FACTORIES ACT, 1937.

The total number of Factories and Workplaces now on the Register is :—

Factories (power)	....	....	....	....	46
Factories (no power)	....	....	....	....	24
Workplaces	....	....	....	....	—
					—
					70
					—

The Sanitary Conveniences in connection with the above were found to be satisfactory.

HOUSE REFUSE AND NIGHTSOIL COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL.

The collection of house refuse throughout the district is undertaken by direct labour, and under the control of the Engineer's Department. Mechanical transport is used in the Cottingham and Central Wards, whilst in the Hessle Ward horse-drawn vehicles are used.

All house refuse in the 3 Wards is disposed of in the following manner :—

COTTINGHAM WARD—Controlled tipping into the Cross Roads Pit, Cottingham.		
CENTRAL	„	Controlled tipping at the Ripplingham Cross Roads tip.
HESSLE	„	Controlled tipping on tip near the Humber Bank.

All the above tipping sites are in open areas at considerable distances from populated areas and have proved satisfactory.

DISINFECTION.

Disinfections were carried out at premises after every case of Infectious Disease, and bedding, etc., was, by special arrangements, disinfected at the Hull Corporation's Disinfecting Station.

I am, Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

HILARY STEELE,

Senior Sanitary Inspector.

